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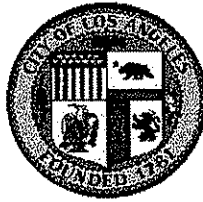
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**APPROVED**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES CITY ETHICS COMMISSION**

**Tuesday, October 14, 2008  
9:30 a.m.**

**City Hall, Room 1050 – 10th Floor  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

**1. Call to Order.**

Commission President Helen Zukin called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Present: Commission President Helen Zukin, Commissioner Michael Camuñez, Commissioner Nedra Jenkins, Commissioner Paul Turner.

**2. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**3. Consideration and action on statements of economic interests for commission and department head SEI reviews. [Shannon Prior].**

Jenkins moved to approve staff's recommendation; Turner seconded. Staff's recommendation was approved 4-0.

**4. Discussion and possible action on recommendations regarding improvements to the Municipal Lobbying Ordinance. [Heather Holt].**

Director of Policy & Legislation Heather Holt recapped the lobbying issues discussed at the September meeting and explained the remaining aspects of the staff proposal. Stacey Fulhorst, Executive Director of the San Diego Ethics Commission, spoke about her commission's recent

experience amending San Diego's lobbying ordinance. Laurie Hughes, Carol Shatz, Jim Sutton, Dennis Hathaway, Steve Afriat, and Stephen Kaufman provided public comment.

Turner indicated that he favors the proposed definitions, as well as the exemption for 501(c)(3) organizations. Camuñez said that he agrees with the proposal in principle. He said the 30-hour threshold needs to change, but he is concerned about over-breadth. Zukin agreed that the current definition is not working but said that she is not yet 100 percent convinced by the proposal. Jenkins said she favors a contacts test but feels that in-house lobbyists should be able to make more than one contact without having to register or report. She said that 10 contacts would be too many. The commissioners agreed that a one-contact test is appropriate for traditional lobbyists. Camuñez asked staff to suggest a two-tiered approach to defining "lobbyist" at the next meeting.

The commissioners expressed a desire to divide all of the lobbying issues into distinct categories, which could be discussed and decided at future meetings. Executive Director LeeAnn Pelham suggested the following categories:

1. Definitions of "lobbyist" and "lobbying";
2. Registration;
3. Limits and prohibitions;
4. Disclosure; and
5. Other issues, such as enforcement.

The commissioners agreed to the proposed categories and decided to address the first category at the November meeting.

#### **5. Announcements and requests to schedule items on future agendas.**

Zukin requested that an executive session be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Deputy City Attorney Renee Stadel said that, if an executive session were permissible, it could be placed on the agenda.

#### **6. Adjournment.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.